

Thursday 3rd February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent Questionnaire

It is really important to us that we know how parents view the school and how well we support your children. We will be emailing to you the parent questionnaire shortly.

Please would you take a few minutes to complete this so that we can continue to improve our school and work in partnership with our community.

Gym Equipment

Parents who wait outside the main school office after school, please ensure your children **DO NOT** play on the Gym equipment in the top playground. This equipment is to be used during PE sessions and in school time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking

We appreciate that it is difficult parking outside of school, but we have received reports of near misses of children this week. We ask parents to park safely and drivers are vigilant at all times.

Attendance w/c 24/1/2022

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Coyle in school.

Reception	95.20
Year 1	97.07
Year 2	91.04
Year 3	93.13
Year 4	79.76
Year 5	86.64
Year 6	86.36
Whole School	89.41

Intra Sports

The children definitely showed resilience during our Intra Sports this week. All children represented their house and completed a number of challenges. It was great to see the teamwork, positivity and determination on show.

Our houses are: Ice, Wind, Earth, Fire, Lightning

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games?'. Mrs Jacques will lead the assembly and the children will explore the theme further in class.

Breakfast Club

We have decided to run a breakfast club based on the feedback from parents. Sessions will cost £1.50 to cover food and staffing and your child can be dropped off from 8.15am. We will be sending a form for you to complete as sessions needs to be booked on a weekly basis.

Job vacancies

At Gawthorpe Community Academy we have the following vacancies for staff: Lunchtime Supervisors. Please see our website for further information.

Trinity Childcare – February half term

Please see below information regarding the holiday club. Please contact Victoria/Catherine for more details.

Message form the governors

Following the recent parent ballot, the Governing Board welcomes a new parent-governor, Ms Yasmin Azad, to the team. Mrs Sarah Samples was also successful, so she has begun her second term of office and remains in her role as Vice Chair.

Last week we had our spring term governors' meeting. Mrs Stubbs presented a detailed Headteacher's report updating us in all that is happening in school. We also had a presentation from the Trust Chief Financial Officer about the school's current financial position.

I was very happy to be able to attend the opening of the school's new outdoor gym equipment along with two other governors, Duncan Smith and Michael Clements. This is an exciting new acquisition for the school and the children were clearly looking forward to using it. We must thank Miss Sidebottom for organising this new venture which will enhance P.E. lessons, health and well-being opportunities in the school.

We were also able to see the new library which has been created in the place of the ICT suite as sets of classroom tablets and laptops have replaced the old PCs. This is a very inviting space which will help to encourage a love of books and reading in our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Deborah Iggledon for her commitment and contribution to the Governing Board as her term of office has come to an end.

Pen Portrait - Duncan Smith

A former pupil of Gawthorpe Academy, I am married with three children and have lived in Ossett and Gawthorpe all my life. I have a strong local government background, working as senior manager for Wakefield Council, with 27 years experience of corporate, directorate and partnership working at strategic and operational level. I gained experience of working across all service areas and partners including, NHS, housing and voluntary sector. I have a passion for bringing about positive and effective change. My work in social care brought me into contact with individuals and families from diverse backgrounds and differing needs.

I am now in a position to use my knowledge and experience to be active in my local community. I care about where I live and am currently engaged in a range of voluntary roles including, Trustee/Secretary of Gawthorpe Maypole Committee, organising Gawthorpe World Coal Carrying Championships and Gawthorpe Maypole Procession; a Director (voluntary) of Building Ossett Better CIC, whose aim is to support and create a vibrant prosperous town; Chair and Trustee of Wray's Homes, Almshouses, Gawthorpe; for women aged 60+; also a Trustee of Ossett & Gawthorpe PCC (governing body of Trinity Church) in the roles of PCC Lay Chair, Treasurer and Lay Minister.

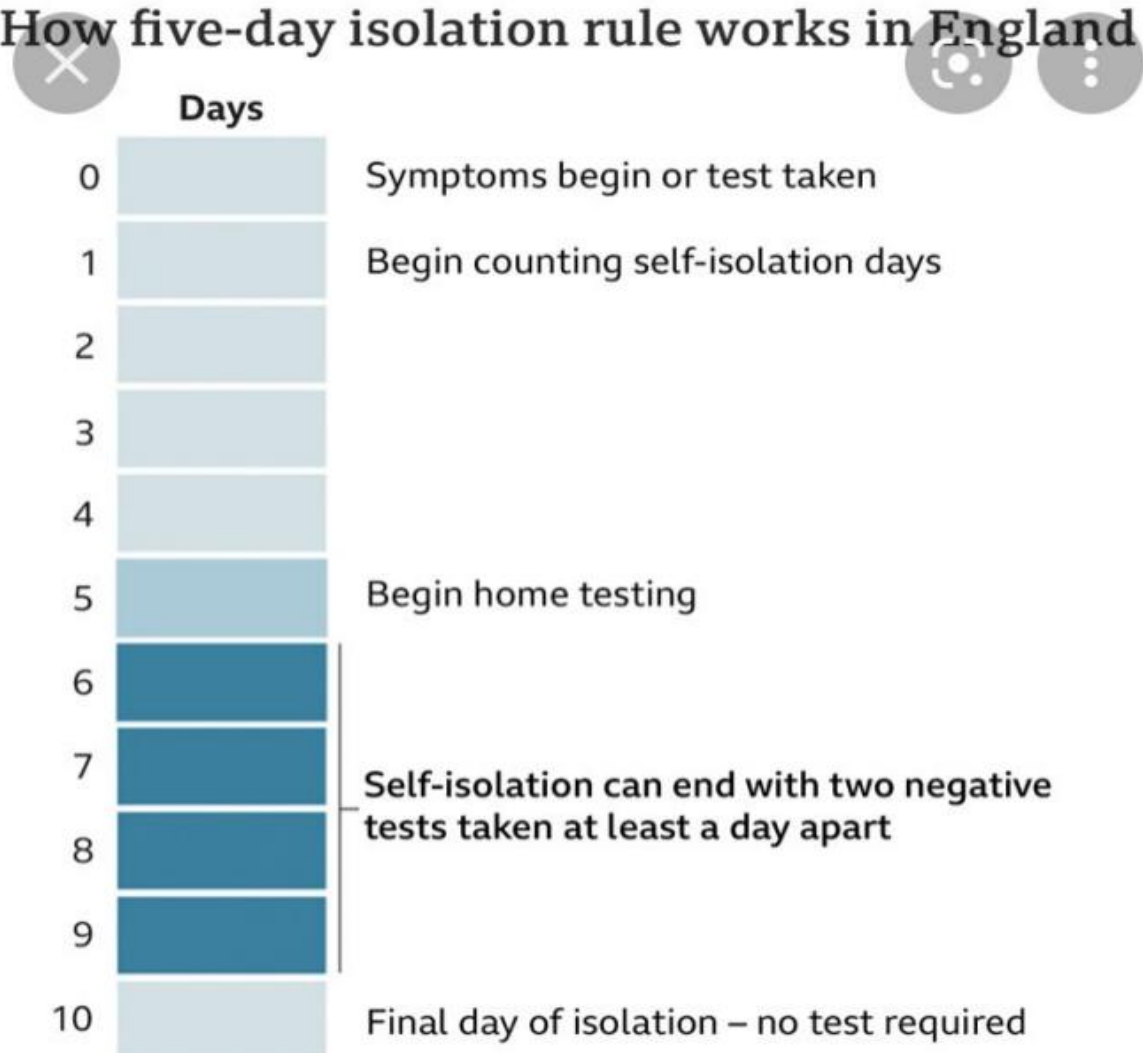
I feel my involvement locally, ideally places me for the role of Co-opted Governor. I look forward to supporting and where necessary constructively challenging the school leadership team to ensure continued improvement and development. However, most importantly I look forward to working collectively to help the school continue to maintain its very high standards and achieve the best possible results for all pupils, ensuring their time at Gawthorpe Academy is as rewarding for them as it was for me.

Covid

From 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

Please be aware that when following the schools safeguarding procedures, if your child is absent from school, a home visit may be made.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Mrs K. Stubbs
Deputy CEO & Interim Headteacher

Miss D. Sidebottom
Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Friday 18 th February	Break up for half term	Whole school/Nursery
Monday 28 th February	Return to school	Whole school/Nursery

Please find 2022/23 School Calendar on our website.

Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.

TAKEHOME



What type of events do you think deserve a celebration?



In the news this week

The Queen has announced a special competition ahead of her Platinum Jubilee later this year. The nationwide competition aims to find the perfect pudding that can be served for her Jubilee and beyond. Buckingham Palace has recently unveiled the full line-up of celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee this year which, alongside the pudding competition, includes street parties, a concert and a huge street parade. On 6th February, the Queen will have reigned for 70 years - she's the first British monarch to reach the milestone.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share the events you celebrate. For each, talk about how and where you celebrate each of these?
- Why do you think we choose to celebrate the things we do? E.g., birthdays, religious festivals, or anniversaries.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss





Trinity Childcare- February Half Term 2022

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Subject to sufficient demand for places, we are pleased to announce that we intend to run our holiday club over the February Half Term 2022. **However, we do require a sufficient amount of children to attend in order to make it financially viable.** We require a minimum amount of children per day, and we must stress that we need the booking forms in before the deadline of **Friday 4th February** in order for us to ensure that we have the appropriate staffing.

We plan to run the holiday club starting from Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022. We will provide children with a variety of breakfast cereal and a cooked lunch. **However, we ask that you provide your child/children with a packed lunch for their tea.**

The pricing structure for the week will be as follows:

- 8am to 1pm (including breakfast, lunch and activities) = £15.00
- 1pm to 6pm (including activities and tea time snack) = £15.00
- 7.30am to 6pm the full day (everything included) =£22.50

We cannot plan for the weather so we ask that you ensure that your child/children has the appropriate clothing for the weather conditions of that day.

Please find attached a plan of the activities that will be taking place this Half Term Holiday. We have five Fun packed days.

We look forward to another fun packed time!!!

Sophie Lewis- Acting Manager

Please contact Victoria or Catherine for further information and booking form/costings.